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REPORT OF FEDERAL FISH HATCHERIES--APRIL 1941

Forty-six Federal hatcheries in 25 states distributed in suitable waters more than 1,156,818,000 fry and fingerlings of 20 varieties during the month of April. In addition, almost 410,000,000 eggs, fry, and fingerlings of 33 varieties were handled or ready for stocking.

Following is a breakdown summary of activities:

MAINE

Boothbay Harbor. - During the month, 4,220 adult flounders were captured, 1,218,000,000 eggs taken, and 622,350,000 fry planted in local waters.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

National Forest. - A small trial lot of 2,000 landlocked salmon eggs was received from the St. Johnsbury, Vermont, hatchery.

The State of New Hampshire planted 3,300 2-year olds and 2,000 fry under terms of the existing agreement.

MASSACHUSETTS

Gloucester. - During the month, 94,146,570 cod eggs were taken into the hatchery for incubation; and 74,468,210 liberated immediately after fertilization upon the fishing grounds; while 36,631,100 cod fry were planted in suitable spots in Massachusetts Bay.

Totals of 42,558,900 haddock eggs were liberated upon the fishing grounds immediately after fertilization.

Flatfish work has surpassed by far the work of the past three or four years. During this period, 27,578,910 eggs were taken from hatchery-impounded stock and 18,028,620 fry liberated upon the spawning grounds by station launches.

Woods Hole. - Distributions the past month have included 13,502,000 winter flounder fry to the Rhode Island Fish and Game Commission, and 47,879,000 to suitable waters in Massachusetts.

The total number of flounder eggs collected was 263,602,000; total flounder fry liberated, 237,641,000.

NEW YORK

Powder Mill Park. - Plantings during the month consisted of 2,275 rainbow and 9,900 brown trout in each Irondequoit and Oatka Creeks, and 4,000 brown trout in Allen Creek.

WEST VIRGINIA

Leetown. - The 37,978 fish distributed during April included trout planted in streams in George Washington National Forest and in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties.

White Sulphur Springs. - Thirty-four thousand rainbow and 30,000 Brook trout fingerlings were distributed.

NORTH CAROLINA

Edenton. - The total output of yellow perch fry--1,646,000--was planted in Pembroke Creek, Albemarle Sound, and Pamlico River Tributaries.

Shad egg collections were begun later than last season. To date, 5,205,000 eggs have been taken and 2,665,000 fry distributed in various sections of Albemarle Sound.

White perch eggs totaling 2,900,000 were collected, and 2,300,000 fry liberated in nearby Pembroke Creek.

Pisgah Forest. - The spring stocking program got under way early in the month, with 4,970 brook and 4,027 rainbow trout distributed.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Walhalla. - Fingerling rainbow trout were assigned to the Franklin and Smokemont, North Carolina, and Chattahoochee Forest, Georgia, stations.

FLORIDA

Marianna. - Ten thousand bass fingerlings were delivered to the Florida Forest and Park Service.

Welka. - Totals of 496,650 fry were handled: 208,650 to the Beecher area; 50,000 to the Polk County Hatchery at Lakeland; 50,000 to the Leesburg rearing ponds; 120,000 to the Pinellas County Hatchery; and 15,000 to Highlands County rearing ponds.

MICHIGAN

Northville. - Fifty thousand rainbow trout were delivered to the Ohio Department of Conservation,

MISSISSIPPI

Lyman. - Totals of 20,000 fingerling bass were distributed to applicants.

TEXAS

San Angelo. - There were 8,000 bluegill sunfish, 500 largemouth bass, and 2,000 crappie rescued from the South Concho River near Christoval. The rescued fish were planted in Lake Nasworthy.

San Marcos. - Totals of 105,000 bass fry and 28,300 bream fingerlings have been distributed during the past month.

Uvalde. - Distribution of largemouth black bass during the month included 84,715 fry and 19,000 fingerlings.

ARKANSAS

Mammoth Spring. - Approximately 200,000 smallmouth bass fry have hatched to date. Of these, 100,000 fry have been retained for the station rearing ponds, and the remaining 100,000 will be distributed in the Clark National Forest.

MISSOURI

Neosho. - The Missouri Conservation Commission distributed from this station to Missouri waters 2,800 adult and 2,400 yearling rainbow trout.

NEBRASKA

Crawford. - One lot of 26,600 rainbow trout fingerlings, held over the winter, was distributed during the month,

IOWA

Guttenberg. - The 15,542,060 northern and 6,939,710 walleyed pike eggs taken during the month were planted in shallow waters of the Mississippi River and adjoining lakes.

Manchester. - One station plant of 1,400 trout was made in Spring Branch.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Spearfish. - During the month a total of 611,000 rainbow trout eggs was collected from the station stock.

MINNESOTA

New London. - In addition to the 12,360,000 northern pike eggs collected to date, it is expected another 2,000,000 will be taken.

The pike perch run is just beginning in local waters.

MONTANA

Ennis. - Spawn-taking operations on Lower Odell and Meadow Creeks were continued with 190,950 wild rainbow trout eggs collected to date. Station brood stock spawn-taking was completed, with 252,530 eggs collected.

Plantings were confined to two lots of loch leven fingerlings, totaling 98,800, distributed in local parental waters.

WYOMING

Saratoga. - Station personnel collected 115,380 eggs from station brood stock.

Sixteen thousand two hundred blackspotted trout fingerlings were planted in the State Park.

NEW MEXICO

Dexter. - Four thousand fingerling crappie were planted in Alamogordo Lake, 750 fingerling largemouth bass were released into the Roswell Country Club Lake at Roswell.

UTAH

Bear Lake. - Two hundred forty-eight thousand native trout eggs have been collected.

Springville. - Ten thousand brook and 26,544 rainbow trout were distributed during the month.

IDAHO

Ashton. - Shipments of 490,000 and 400,000 rainbow trout eggs were received from the State of Idaho.

Hagerman. - Collection of eggs from station brood stock has been completed, with a take of 1,003,000.

Twelve hundred fifty fish were planted in Lake Creek near its junction with Snake River, while 87,000 rainbow trout fingerlings were liberated in Snake River between Buhl and Bliss, Idaho. In addition, 2,000 rainbow trout fingerling were delivered to an applicant near Hagerman.

Four hundred thousand rainbow trout eggs have been received for the Idaho Fish and Game Department, the resulting fish to be raised to the fingerling stage under cooperative agreement.

Mullan. - To date, 122,868 rainbow trout eggs have been collected.

A shipment of 106,875 rainbow trout eggs was received from the Idaho Fish and Game Department's Mackay hatchery.

WASHINGTON

Big White Salmon. - During the month, 2,713,000 chinook salmon fingerlings were liberated in the Big White River at the Power Plant.

Birdsview. - One hundred two thousand eggs were collected from the station's rainbow trout brood stock, making a total of 190,000 eggs of this species taken to date.

The steelhead run in Grandy Creek has so far been very light. Only 17,000 eggs have been collected to date.

One thousand thirty-three rainbow trout were planted in Baker Lake.

Carson. - During the month, 200,000 rainbow trout eggs and fry were received.

Duckabush. - Totals of 2,857,000 chum salmon fry were liberated in Walcott's Slough.

Leavenworth. - Adult steelhead trout are being hauled from Rock Island Dam to rearing ponds at this station for egg collection.

Quilcene. - The last of the lot of chum salmon fry from the Walcott Slough point have been liberated back into Walcott Slough.

Yearling sockeye salmon, totaling 12,476, were delivered to the Washington State Fisheries Department at Mason Lake.

Quinault. - Eighty-three thousand steelhead trout eggs were collected from fish taken from the Humptulips trap and 48,950 rainbow trout eggs from the station's brood stock.

There were 25,960 sockeye salmon fingerlings liberated in Falls Creek, tributary to Lake Quinault.

Spokane. - A consignment of 77,000 rainbow trout eggs was received.

Sixty-five hundred blackspotted and 23,285 rainbow trout fingerlings were planted during the month.

OREGON

Butte Falls. - A total of 84,368 chinook salmon fingerlings was distributed.

Steelhead trout eggs are being collected at the Butte Creek field station. To date, 737,000 have been taken.

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